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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/681,177	Applicant(s) GRANDMOTTET, ANDRE	
	Examiner Joseph A. Kaufman	Art Unit 3754	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 19-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-12, 15, 16 and 19-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group I, specie A in the reply filed on February 11, 2005 is acknowledged.

Claims 8-12, 15, 16 and 19-24 have been withdrawn.

***Specification***

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the use of the legal term "means"; a figure for publication should not be included, and the abstract should not be a recitation of a claim. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 8, lines 17-20, it appears that the front and top are defined in the same manner, although seem to be different in the figures. On page 10, line 25, numeral "21" is not shown in the drawings.

Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. Claims 1-7, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

The following are merely examples, as all of the claims should be carefully checked:

In claim 1, lines 3 and 7, "such as" renders the claims vague and indefinite as it is unclear if the substance or structure is required by the claim. On line 4, "the like" renders the claim indefinite as it is unclear what is encompassed by "the like".

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ponton.

Ponton shows a containing means 10; filling opening 22; dispensing opening 29; dispensing means 30; control means 7; casing means 2; product dispensing aperture 8; container mounting opening in the bottom of the casing that allows for the insertion of the reservoir; closure means 24; reservoir 12; faces 15, 11; fixing means on both the casing and reservoir discussed as a friction fit in column 7, lines 51-58; and closing means 25.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ponton.

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Ponton has been discussed above, but lacks the pivoting wall having a hinge. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the closure means 24 as a pivoting wall as it would allow for expedient and easy refilling of the device and is an obvious way not to lose or misplace the closure while filling as the closure would remain attached to the device.

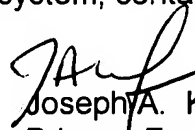
### ***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Chen '580 and '151; Meshberg; Ritsche et al., and Garcia show other casings for dispensing reservoirs.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph A. Kaufman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4928. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30AM-2PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Mar can be reached on (571) 272-4906. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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